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1. SUMMARY. DURING SHORT VISIT IN INDONESIA CEQ CHAIRMAN AND DR. TALBOT MET LEADERS OF ENVIRONMENTAL, RESOURCE PLANNING, WILDLIFE STUDY AND PROTECTION, AND FAMILY PLANNING MOVEMENTS, HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH OIL POLLUTION STUDY GROUP AND FILMED FOR INDONESIAN TV A DISCUSSION WITH INDONESIAN ACTIVIST ON ROLE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY. THEY VISITED NATURE RESERVE AT CIBODAS AND FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM IN BALI. VISIT PROVIDED EVIDENCE OF HIGH-LEVEL USG INTEREST IN THESE PROGRAMS, WHICH EMBASSY BELIEVES WILL HAVE FAVORABLE IMPACT ON THEM, AND DISCLOSED INDONESIAN INTEREST IN ENHANCED COOPERATION IN ENVIRON-
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MENTAL FIELD. END SUMMARY.

2. IN THE COURSE OF THREE WORKING DAYS AND A SUNDAY IN INDONESIA, CEQ CHAIRMAN AND DEPUTY TALBOT MET VICE PRESIDENT SRI SULTAN HAMENGKUBUWONO IX, CHAIRMAN OF INDONESIAN WILD-LIFE FUND; MINISTER OF STATE SUMARLIN, CHAIRMAN OF ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL; MINISTER OF STATE SUMITRO, CHAIRMAN OF INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES; PROFESSOR BACHTIAR RIFAI, CHAIRMAN INDONESIAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCES; CHAIRMAN SUWARDJONO OF FAMILY PLANNING COORDINATING BOARD; AND OFFICIALS STUDYING OIL POLLUTION PREVENTION IN OFFSHORE AREAS. RIO RACHWARTONO, ASSISTANT TO LIPI CHAIRMAN AND DEPUTY TO SUMARLIN IN LATTER'S ENVIRONMENTAL ROLE, WAS PRINCIPAL INDONESIAN HOST. CHAIRMAN AND DR. TALBOT TRAVELED TO BOGOR AND CIBODAS FOR MEETINGS WITH LEADING SCIENTISTS AND CONSERVATIONISTS AND SPENT SUNDAY IN BALI WITH LEADERS THAT ISLAND'S DYNAMIC FAMILY PLANNING MOVEMENT. DISCUSSIONS CENTERED ON RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND PROTECTION WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE OIL AND FORESTS, POPULATION EQUATION, INDONESIAN MECHANISMS FOR CONSIDERING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, AREAS IN WHICH U.S. EXPERIENCE RELEVANT TO INDONESIAN CONCERNS AND VICE VERSA. CHAIRMAN AND DR. TALBOT APPLAUDED EVIDENCE THEY SAW OF BROAD-GAUGE, FORWARD-LOOKING APPROACH TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS AND EXPRESSED DISPOSITION TO COOPERATE IN AREAS OF COMMON INTEREST WITH INDONESIAN COUNTERPARTS WHOM THEY MET.

3. INDONESIAN INFORMANTS REPORTED SECOND INDONESIAN FIVE-YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN "REPELITA II" DECLARES IN ITS FOURTH CHAPTER THAT DEVELOPMENT PLANS MUST DULY CONSIDER INTERESTS OF FUTURE GENERATIONS IS PROGRAMS THAT IMPACT ON RESOURCE ENDOWMENT. PROFESSOR DR. J. B. SUMARLIN, MINISTER OF STATE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM AND DEPUTY CHIEF OF NATIONAL PLANNING AGENCY BAPPENAS, HEADS INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE IN PRESIDENT'S OFFICE CHARGED WITH MONITORING IMPACT OF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS ON ENVIRONMENT. RIO RACHWARTONO, HIS DEPUTY, APPEARS TO BE PRINCIPAL ACTIVIST IN ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS WITH VIRTUAL CARTE BLANCHE FROM THE CHAIRMAN. IT WAS EXPLAINED THAT COMMITTEE, WITH MINIMUM STAFF, CAN ASSIGN STUDIES TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND CONSULTANTS, THEN WIELDS POWER OF BUDGET

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TO INFLUENCE EXECUTION OF PROJECTS BY LINE AGENCIES. A SEPARATE INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES IS HEADED BY PROFESSOR DR. SUMITRO DJOJHADIKUSUMO, MINISTER OF STATE FOR RESEARCH, AND IS CHARGED WITH DEVELOPING LONGTERM ECONOMIC STRATEGY BASED ON DATA ABOUT RESOURCES, POPULATION PRESSURES, TECHNOLOGIES, AND ASSOCIATED CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS. COMMITTEE'S WORK PRINCIPALLY DIRECTED TOWARD PRIORITY AREAS OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, WATER, LAND,

AND FOREST RESOURCES.

4. INDONESIAN PROBLEMS CONSIDERED IN SOME DETAIL IN COURSE THESE MEETINGS INCLUDED POPULATION, CONSEQUENCES OF DEFORESTATION INCLUDING MANGROVE DESTRUCTION, MARINE POLLUTION FROM OFFSHORE DRILLING, IMPACT ON FISHERIES OF THESE AND OTHER PRACTICES, MANAGEMENT FOR PROTECTION OF COASTAL AREAS. IN BOGOR MEETINGS PROBLEMS OF NATURE CONSERVATION WERE DISCUSSED: LEGISLATION FOCUSING ON SPECIES RATHER THAN ECOSYSTEMS, AMBIGUITY IN DEFINITION OF FOREST AREAS FOR EXPLOITATION, ADMINISTRATIVE LOCUS WITHIN FORESTRY ORGANIZATION FOR GOI CONSERVATIONISTS. IN RESPONSE EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST VISITORS AGREED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT U.S. PROJECTIONS OF FORESTRY RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS (PROFESSOR SUMITRO), U.S. COASTAL ZONE LEGISLATION (PROFESSOR SUMARLIN, PROFESSOR BACHTIAR), OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF LEGISLATION (PROFESSOR WAHJUDI WISAKSONO OF OIL POLLUTION GROUP). RIO RACHWARTONO EXPRESSED INDONESIAN INTEREST ENHANCED COOPERATION WITH U.S. INSTITUTIONS ON RESOURCE/ENVIRONMENT PROBLEMS AND, IN RESPONSE THIS PROBE, DR. TALBOT MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF TREATY OF COOPERATION IN ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS. CHAIRMAN FURTHER PROPOSED SUPPLY COPIES OF CEQ ANNUAL REPORT TO SELECT LIST OF HIGH INDONESIAN OFFICIALS PROPOSED BY PAO, UPON ITS PUBLICATION IN FEBRUARY, AND AGREED TO ITS FURTHER DISTRIBUTION BY USIS JAKARTA.

5. TV VIDEOTAPE SCREENED MONDAY EVENING 26 JANUARY PRESENTED CHAIRMAN, DR. TALBOT, AND RIO RACHWARTONO TO INDONESIAN AUDIENCES IN INTERVIEW THAT HIGHLIGHTED IMPORTANCE OF SAFEGUARDING HUMAN ENVIRONMENT FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS, NEED FOR COOPERATION AMONG NATIONS IN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES.

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6. AS EVIDENCE HIGH-LEVEL USG INTEREST IN INDONESIAN ENVIRONMENTAL PICTURE, CEQ VISIT CONTRIBUTED TO APPRECIATION THESE ISSUES WITHIN INDONESIAN BUREAUCRACY AND PUBLIC. EMBASSY'S EFFORTS TO ENRICH GOI/USG COOPERATION IN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL FIELDS PERTINENT TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WILL BENEFIT BY ASSOCIATIONS MADE AND REINFORCED BY CHAIRMAN AND DR. TALBOT.

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